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H. R. 3932

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain conduct relating to polar bears.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 12, 2002

Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself, Mr. ACEVEDO-VILÁ, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. FILLNER, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HORN, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. McGOVERN, Ms. McKINNEY, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PASCRELL, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. STARK, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. WEXLER, and Ms. WOOLSEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Polar Bear Protection
5 Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. POLAR BEAR SHOWS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 89 of title 18, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 **“§ 1822. Polar bear shows**

6 “(a) Whoever, in or affecting interstate or foreign
7 commerce, knowingly makes available any polar bear for
8 use in a travelling show or circus shall be fined under this
9 title or imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both. In the
10 case of a conviction of a person who has previously been
11 convicted for another offense under this section, the of-
12 fender shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not
13 more than 2 years, or both.

14 “(b) In this section, the term ‘travelling show or cir-
15 cus’ means a show or circus that spends most of its work-
16 ing time each year away from its permanent facility.”.

17 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
18 at the beginning of chapter 89 of title 18, United States
19 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
20 item:

“1822. Polar bear shows.”.

